The SPEECH *of the* Speaker *of the* Houſe of Commons, *on* Saturday *the* 21*ſt of* Auguſt, 1714, *upon Preſenting to the Lords Juſtices the Bill* for the better Support of His Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*; *Together with the other Money Bill which then paſs'd the Royal Aſſent.*

MY LORDS,

THE Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, under the preſent Happineſs they enjoy by His Majeſty's peaceable and quiet Acceſſion to the Throne, could not enter upon any Work more Satisfactory and Pleaſing to themſelves, than the providing a ſufficient Revenue for the Occaſions of His Majeſty's Civil Government, in order to make His Reign as Eaſy and Proſperous, as the beginning of it hath been Secure and Undiſturbed.

They are ſenſible that the Peace of the Kingdom is not to be Preſerv'd, nor the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects to be Protected, without Supporting the juſt Authority and Dignity of the Crown; and therefore they have thought it their Intereſt, as well as Duty, to make ſuch a Proviſion as may not barely ſuffice to the Neceſſities of the Government, but may be ſuitable to the State, the Honour, the Luſtre, which the Crown of *Great Britain* ought to be attended with.

Whatſoever is ſuperfluous in that Proviſion, and more than the ordinary Services of His Majeſty ſhall require, will but enable Him to exert His higheſt and moſt valuable Prerogative of doing Good: And we can give no greater Proof of the Truſt we repoſe in His Majeſty's Gracious Diſpoſition, than by putting the ſame entire Revenue into His Hands, which Her late Majeſty died poſſeſs'd of; whoſe Virtues we all admired, and of whoſe Affection and Concern for the Religion, Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom, we had had ſo long Experience.

As the Crown itſelf deſcends immediately, and knows no Vacancy, the Commons have taken Care that the Revenue ſhould follow it as cloſe as poſſible, for they have given all the Diſpatch to this Grant which the Forms of their Proceedings would allow: So that when His Majeſty ſhall pleaſe to Anſwer the impatient Deſires of His People, by coming to take Poſſeſſion of His Kingdoms, He will find Himſelf equally Eſtabliſh'd in theſe Revenues, as if He had ſucceeded to them All by an uninterrupted Right of Inheritance: The only Difference is this, that if He had Inherited them, He would have wanted one ſignal Proof of the Duty, and Affection, and Unanimity of His Subjects.

Our Deſire is, That this may be look'd upon as an Earneſt and a Pledge of that Zeal and Fidelity which we ſhall always Retain, and which upon every Occaſion we ſhall be ready to Demonſtrate to His Majeſty's Perſon and Government: As ſuch, we hope, His Majeſty will graciouſly Accept it at this Time; and hereafter, when He ſhall have had Experience of this firſt voluntary Offering of His Loyal Commons, we hope He will find it to His Satisfaction, as Large and Ample as He could Wiſh; might but the Term of the Grant be as long as we could Wiſh, ſince it is to have equal Continuance with His Majeſty's Life.

My LORDS,

The Bill which the Commons have paſs'd for the Purpoſes I have mention'd, is Intituled, *An Act for the better Support of His Majeſty's Houſhold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of* Great Britain.

They have alſo prepared another Bill, as well *for rectifying Miſtakes in the Names of the Commiſſioners for the Land Tax, as for raiſing ſo much as is wanting to make up the Sum of Fourteen hundred thouſand Pounds intended to be raiſed by a Lottery for the Publick Service of the Year* 1714. This having been recommended to their Care, and appearing to them to be Neceſſary for His Majeſty's and the Publick Service, they have Reaſon to think they have now abundantly ſupplied the Defects in the former Proviſion; and in this Aſſurance, they humbly Preſent this Bill alſo for the Royal Aſſent.

BY *Virtue of an Order of the* Houſe of Commons, *I do Appoint* John Barber, Henry Clements, *and* Charles King, *to Print this Speech*; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame.*

THO. HANMER, *Speaker.*

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